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10 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
11 **FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
12 **OAKLAND DIVISION**

13 CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY *et al.*,

14 Plaintiffs,

15 v.

16 THOMAS VILSACK, in his official capacity as
17 Secretary of U.S. Department of Agriculture *et*
18 *al.*,

19 Defendants.
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Case No. 4:20-cv-00256-JSW

ORDER GRANTING

**JOINT STIPULATION REGARDING
ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD**

**AND REQUIRING SUBMISSION OF ENTIRE
ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD**

1 **JOINT STIPULATION**

2 On December 6, 2021, Defendants filed the index to the final version of the administrative record in
 3 this case. *See* Notice, ECF No. 62. As indicated in that filing, the administrative record “is too large to file
 4 through the ECF System, as it contains nearly 120,000 pages as well as over 90 Microsoft Excel spreadsheets.”
 5 *Id.* at 1.

6 The parties jointly and respectfully stipulate that, unless the Court orders otherwise, they will prepare
 7 a joint appendix and file it through ECF no later than April 21, 2022. *Cf.* D.D.C. Local Rule 7(n) (using this
 8 procedure in Administrative Procedure Act litigation). The joint appendix will contain all portions of the
 9 administrative record that are cited or otherwise relied upon in either party’s merits briefing. *See id.* The table
 10 of contents for this joint appendix will list each document’s Bates number (*e.g.*, AR100799) and, for record
 11 materials cited in Plaintiffs’ briefing, the corresponding number from the relevant exhibit submitted by
 12 Plaintiffs (*e.g.*, A-0538; Supp. A-0012), *see* ECF Nos. 62-2, 62-3, 80-1.

13 In addition, the parties agree that the Court should be able to access the entire administrative record
 14 if it wishes to do so. Accordingly, Defendants stand ready to provide the entire administrative record in
 15 electronic format if the Court so orders. The parties respectfully suggest that the entire administrative record
 16 could be submitted to the Court on one or more USB storage drives or transferred through the Justice
 17 Electronic File Sharing (“JEFS”) system, which uses Box.com. *See* Dkt. #98, *United Food & Com. Workers*
 18 *Union, Loc. No. 663 v. U.S. Dep’t of Agric.*, No. 19-cv-2660 (JNE/TNL) (D. Minn. Aug. 19, 2020) (ordering that
 19 USDA use JEFS to provide the Court with the administrative record in a case involving the same final rule at
 20 issue here).

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 22 Dated: April 4, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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 24 In addition to preparing and filing a joint appendix as discussed above, the Court ORDERS the
 25 parties to submit the entire administrative record to the Court on one or more USB storage drives.

26 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

27 Dated: April 5, 2022

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 JEFFREY S. WHITE
 United States District Judge